

WVHA Opioid Collaborative Alternatives to Opioids in the Emergency Department Project

Hospital Commitment Letter

Background and Objectives

The Alternatives to Opioids (ALTOs) in the Emergency Department (ED) collaborative is now enrolling hospitals across West Virginia to participate in a 12-month project to reduce opioid administrations in the ED.

_____ (hospital name) commits to participate with the West Virginia Hospital Association in the Alternatives to Opioids (ALTOs) in the Emergency Department project as part of the WVHA Opioid Collaborative from January – December 2020. This program will work with multi-disciplinary hospital teams to reduce the use of opioids as first line therapy in the emergency department and increase the use of alternatives to opioids.

This effort will use resources that have been developed by St. Joseph's Medical Center in New Jersey and implemented across the state of Colorado by the Colorado Hospital Association. The project will gather and apply lessons learned from these organizations regarding effective implementation of ALTOs in the ED.

Commitment

As an active and engaged participant in this initiative, our organization agrees to:

- Assemble at least a three-person multi-disciplinary team to work to reduce the administration of opioids and increase reliance on ALTOs as first line therapy in the emergency department
- Learn how to treat pain for five specific conditions using ALTO pathways instead of opioids
 - Headache/Migraine
 - Musculoskeletal Pain
 - Renal Colic
 - Chronic Abdominal Pain
 - Extremity Fracture/Joint Dislocation
- Network with other hospitals to share best practices and address gaps in performance
- Access education and support to reduce reliance on opioids, including bimonthly (every other month) virtual meetings or webinars
- Submit data to the WVHA

As part of this initiative, our organization will receive:

- Implementation support from WVHA and collaborative partners
- Access to the WVHA Data Portal for data submission

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- Access to resources, webinars and educational materials to support the implementation of the ALTO pathways in the ED
- Access to virtual and in-person education offerings, including opportunities for networking and peer-sharing
- Hospital-specific reports with project comparisons for measures of ALTO and opioid administrations in the Emergency Department

Project Timeline

Project recruitment: November – December 2019
Pre-implementation Planning: January – June 2020
Target Go-Live: July 2020
Post-implementation Support: August – December 2020

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By signing below, I hereby commit my hospital to participation in the WVHA Alternatives to Opioids in the Emergency Department Project.

Executive Signature

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Project Lead Signature

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____